



Verifying Georgia Residency for In-State Tuition

Georgia residency documentation may be required in addition to lawful presence in order for you to receive in-state tuition. Documentation must prove the student and/or parent/guardian lived in Georgia for 12 consecutive months before the start of the term. Proving residency may require more than one of the items listed below.

Independent Students

Students age 24 and older OR under 24 AND not claimed on parent/legal guardian's most recent tax return. Students must provide at least one of the following items, but may be required to provide multiple items to meet residency requirements.

- Most recent Georgia tax return (GA Tax Form 500)
- A valid Georgia Driver's License or ID issued a year or more prior to the 1st day of class
- Georgia voter registration card showing registration 12 months or more prior to term's starting date [http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/ My Voter's Page](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MyVoterPage)
- Location of employment (12 consecutive months of pay stubs with employee address)
- Current business, professional, or other licenses issued in Georgia (12-month requirement)
- Georgia automobile registration (current and previous year)
- Proof of purchase or rental of primary residence in Georgia (property tax paid or lease)
- Utility bills in the student's name showing 12 consecutive months of charges – (No cell phone bills)
- Location of checking, savings, or other bank accounts (12 consecutive months of bank statements with student's address)

Dependent Students

Students age 23 or under and claimed on a parent/legal guardian's most recent tax return. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian must have established and maintained residence (domicile) in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months before the start of the term.

Please provide both of the following items:

- 1) A copy of the student's current driver's license or state ID card;
- 2) A copy of the parent/guardian's most recent State of Georgia tax return (GA Tax Form 500) showing student was claimed on taxes

***If the parent/guardian did not file a Georgia income tax return for the most recent year, we require the parent/guardian's Georgia driver's license and one of the following items to prove they have maintained a permanent residence in Georgia for the past 12 consecutive months:**

- Georgia voter registration card showing registration 12 months or more prior to term's starting date [http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/ My Voter's Page](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MyVoterPage)
- Location of employment (12 consecutive months of pay stubs with employee address)
- Current business, professional, or other licenses issued in Georgia (12-month requirement)
- Georgia automobile registration (current and previous year)
- Proof of purchase/rental of primary residence in Georgia (property tax paid or lease)
- Utility bills in parent/guardian's name showing 12 consecutive months of charges – (No cell phone bills)
- Location of checking, savings, or other bank accounts (12 consecutive months of bank statements with parent/guardian's address)